

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2721 - HB 2512

April 7, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires nursing homes to have a full-time licensed registered nurse directing nursing services. Requires one licensed nurse on duty at all times and increases the required number of hours of direct care.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - TennCare/Medicaid expenditures are not estimated to increase as a result of this bill. The TennCare Bureau has implemented a global funding cap for nursing home reimbursement based upon the budgeted appropriation; however the reimbursement rate for nursing homes beds may be impacted.

Assumes:

- some minor changes to existing forms and computer software would be required but the increase is estimated to be not significant.
- any increase in costs to nursing homes would be an allowable cost under Medicaid. However because of the global cap on nursing home reimbursement, any increase in expenses will not increase the long-term care budget.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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